

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Quarantine of Morris and Somerset Counties, New Jersey, for Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB)
(*Tomicus piniperda*)

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The purpose of this SPRO memorandum is to provide notification that APHIS is quarantining Morris and Somerset Counties of New Jersey for PSB (*Tomicus piniperda*). This action is effective immediately. Attached is the Federal Domestic Quarantine Order for the subject action.

/s/ Paul R. Eggert for

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Plant Protection and Quarantine

FEDERAL ORDER
August 9, 2006

Domestic Quarantine of Morris and Somerset Counties, New Jersey, for Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB) (*Tomicus piniperda*)

This memorandum provides notification, effective immediately, for quarantine of Morris and Somerset Counties, New Jersey, for PSB. This action results from positive identification of beetles trapped in those counties. All interstate movement of regulated articles from Morris and Somerset Counties must comply with the PSB regulatory requirements per 7CFR301.50.

The 7CFR 301.50-3(b) provides for temporary designation of new quarantine areas pending publication of a rule to add counties to the list shown in 7CFR 301.50-3(c). The 7CFR 301.50-3(b) further requires written notification be given to the owners of property and enterprises in a newly quarantined area, advising them of the quarantine and the necessity of complying with requirements for the movement of regulated articles. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the PSB program in the affected state.

The 7CFR 301.50-3(a) allows the quarantine of less than an entire state only when the State enforces an intrastate quarantine that matches Federal PSB regulations. Accordingly, in order to maintain a partial state quarantine for PSB, the State Plant Regulatory Official for New Jersey must confirm prior to September 30, 2006, the establishment of an intra-state quarantine for Morris and Somerset Counties that mirrors the Federal Regulatory requirements as specified in 7CFR301.50. The confirmation should be made in writing to the APHIS State Plant Health Director for New Jersey.

If you wish more details on the Federal PSB regulatory program, you may contact the Staff Officer Weyman Fussell at (301) 734-5705. For information on regulatory requirements for movement of articles out of New Jersey, please contact the APHIS State Plant Health Director Ron Blaskovich at (609) 259-8649.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the state of New Jersey to prevent the interstate spread of PSB.